

Children's Department.

From Loree, Ind.

I thought I would write a letter, for I have not written for so long. We are going to reorganize our Sunday-school. Our pastor's name is R. R. Teeter. He is holding a protracted meeting now. I will answer Ida Strayer's question. The question was, how many chapters are there in the Bible? There are 1188. I will close by asking a question. How old was Abraham's wife, Sarah when she died?

DORA GRANSTAFF.

From Warsaw, Ind.

I will try to write a few lines to the children's department. I go to school every day that I can. I like my teacher very well. Her name is Miss Jennie Sheely. I had to quit school on Wednesday, because I was exposed to the measles. My mamma and sister and I belong to the Brethren church. I joined church when we had protracted meeting at Warsaw. C. F. Yoder is our pastor. I love to read the children's letters. I am eleven years old. I read in the fifth reader. We are so lonely this winter without our kind papa who was taken away in November. If I see this in print I will write again.

HATTIE E. FOSTER.

From North Liberty, O.

I thought I would write a few lines. I am nine years old. I like to go to Sunday-school and church. My papa and mamma and brother Homer belong to the Brethren church. Brother Grisso is our pastor, and will move here soon. I will answer Lillie Troup's question. The ark rested on Mount Ararat in Armenia. Let me ask a question. When and where was the name Christian first used in the Bible when applied to believers?

DAVID GRUBB.

From Boone, Pa.

This is my third time I have written for this paper. I am ten years old. I have one sister two years old. Her name is Minnie, and one brother eighteen years old. His name is Orin. I have missed twelve days in school this winter. I am in the third reader. My teacher's name is J. C. Schrock. We have no Sunday-school that I can attend. Our nearest Sunday school is about four miles, but I will go as soon as the weather is nice enough. I will close by asking a question. What kind of wood did Noah use to build the ark? If this escapes the waste-basket I will write again.

GRACE O. WALKER.

From Morrill, Kan.

I will now write my first letter to the EVANGELIST. I am six years old. I am going to school. I study arithmetic, reading, writing, geography, and spelling. It is only five weeks any more until the close of our school. I have only missed two days so far. I am going to Sunday-school at Pony Creek. My brother Frank who was our superintendent has gone to Falls City to stay all summer. Allen Lichty is our superintendent now. We have a good Sunday school.

BLAINE YODER.

From Fisher's Hill, Va.

As my little brother is writing for the EVANGELIST, I will try and write too. A certain lawyer stood up and tempted Jesus, saying Master what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life? And Christ said, What is written in the law? Christ spoke a parable about the good Samaritan. A man fell among thieves and they robbed him, and left him half dead, and a priest came along and passed by on the other side of the road; next came a levite and he did the same; next came a Samaritan, he poured oil and wine into his wounds and took him to an inn. I will answer Ida Strayer's question. There are 929 chapters in the Bible. I will close by asking a question. Which is the longest chapter in the New Testament?

•VERNIE N. KELLER.

Our Dead.

HOOVER—KELSEY.—In the Twelve Mile congregation, brother J. G. Hoover and sister Clara M. Kelsey, at the residence of the undersigned, March 25, '96. May peace and happiness attend them on their way through life. They will take their departure for the state of Kansas in a few days where they will make their future home.

D. A. HOPKINS.

Twelve Mile, Ind.

HILDERBRAND—Mrs. Hannah Hilderbrand who died Wednesday morning, February 26, 1896, was a daughter of the late George Hilderbrand, of East Taylor Township, Cambria Co., Pa., and sister to Miss Christena Benshoff of Jackson Township; Samuel, of East Conemaugh; George, of Conemaugh Township; Rev. David, of East Taylor Township, and the writer, of Rosedale, Pa. About 57 years ago she was married to Joseph Hilderbrand who died twenty some years ago. To this union twelve children were born; of whom seven survive here; namely, Mrs. Jane Stutsman, of Michigan; Jeremiah, of Hudson, Iowa; Samuel and John,

St. Louis, Ill.; Susan, wife of Scott Cough, of Vinco; Lovina, wife of Samuel Ribblett, of East Conemaugh and Solomon B., of Jackson Township, all of Pennsylvania. Sister Hilderbrand united with the church early in her life and was faithful until death and died in the triumphs of a living faith. No doubt she will be missed by many, but our loss is her gain. On Friday, February 28, we laid her body away to rest until the resurrection morn. Her pastor, Rev. Koontz, of East Conemaugh, conducting obsequies.

STEPHEN HILDERBRAND.

HOFFMAN.—In the New Highland congregation, Freddie C., youngest son of Alsine and Sister Hoffman was born June 28, 1894, died March 20, 1896 aged 1 year, 8 months, and 21 days of brain fever. Little Freddie suffered intensely until the messenger came to his relief. It seems we can almost hear the glorious voice saying, "Suffer the little ones to come unto me." Funeral conducted by the undersigned at the New Highland church. Interment in the City cemetery, March 22, 1896. We truly sympathize with the parents in this their sad bereavement. May the Lord bless them.

D. A. HOPKINS.

Twelve Mile, Ind.

BAER—Maggie Elizabeth Baer was born April 7, 1887, and passed away March 26, 1896, aged 8 years, 11 months, and 19 days. She united with the church at Warsaw, during our meeting this winter and was one of those patient, faithful and childlike little ones of whom he said, "Of such is the kingdom." She was one of our blessed Juniors and will be sadly missed. The funeral was a large and sad one. Her bereaved and widowed mother with her little flock of five boys have the sympathy of all.

C. F. YODER.

RUMBAUGH.—Eda Rumbaugh was born March 6, 1883 and died March 25, 1896, aged 13 years and 19 days. She was converted under the preaching of J. M. Tombaugh, during his revival meeting at Fair Haven in 1894. She was a faithful little sister in the church and Sunday school. Her funeral was well attended. The sermon was preached by the writer, from the words, "Her sun is gone down while it was yet day." Jer. 15: 9.

WM. KIEFER.

A MAN'S character is what he is and what he knows himself to be; his reputation is what other people think he is. Mr. D. L. Moody well says, "If I take care of my character, my reputation will take care of itself."